

Siberian emigres welcomed in U.S.

ST. LOUIS (EP)—Pentecostalists prepared a warm welcome July 19 for 13 members of their faith arriving in the United States after a two-decade struggle to leave the Soviet Union. The group, including seven who sought refuge at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow on grounds of religious persecution, was to have arrived late July 19 and been taken shopping almost immediately for clothing and other necessities.

Reynolds named FMB missionary

Loretta Reynolds, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, has been named a missionary of the

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. She will serve in Botswana, where she will be a women's worker. She is minister of education at Bayside Church, Foster City, Calif.

A graduate also of Golden Gate Seminary in California where she earned a master of divinity degree, Miss Reynolds served as a Mississippi Baptist Student Union summer missionary in Zambia and was a FMB journeyman for two years in the Virgin Islands.

She received a Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union scholarship last year which is given to missions volunteers and funded through the WMU Special Day Offering.

Miss Reynolds will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for an 11-week orientation.

"They left Russia with nothing," said Nathaniel A. Urshan, general superintendent of the St. Louis-based denomination. "When the Russians said, 'You go,' you go. They were afraid to wait." The Siberian Pentecostalists included Maria Chmykhakov and a son, Timofei, 21. Maria Chmykhakov was one of the seven persons who dashed into the embassy in June 1978 seeking refuge and help in emigrating to a land where they could worship as they please.

At the embassy they met Urshan, whose father, Andrew B. Urshan, founded the Pentecostal movement in Russia in 1911. "My dad told me before he passed away that there would come a time when we could help the Russian Pentecostalists," Urshan said. "He asked me to please help them."

Urshan and other members of the church have been working for the last several years to help the

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Tabloid format

A new format for the *Baptist Record*, a tabloid, will get a trial run on Aug. 25. Readers are asked to pay particular attention to that issue and respond with their comments. The *Baptist Record* staff feels a tabloid format could be made into a more attractive product, but readers' opinions will be carefully and thoughtfully considered. This is a major consideration in the life of a publication that belongs to all Mississippi Baptists. The *Baptist Record* is a ministry in which all Mississippi Baptists have a share. We hope to hear what Mississippi Baptists have to say about the concept.—Editor

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Village play pavilion

A group of men from Bolivar Association teamed with Village boys and alumni funding to build a play pavilion at the Baptist Children's Village's India Nunney Campus. The 20 x 30 foot pavilion was paid for by the Village Alumni Association. Pictured are William Burkett of the Village and D. A. "Doc" Brown, a member of Skene Baptist Church, who are making markings for a picnic table. In background from left are Robert Haney, pastor of Interstate Baptist Church, Karl

McGraw, Village properties director, and Andy Parker of the Village. Other volunteers not pictured are Gary Johnson, pastor of Skene church; and Wayne Gullett, pastor, Morrison Chapel; and Odie Henderson, Bolivar director of missions. Alumni committee members are Dot Bowie Downing, Hilda Harper Boettler, John Saucier, Doris Fanning Grubbs, Judy Turner, and Karl McGraw.

(Tim Nichols photo)

HMB summer missionaries include Mississippi students

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed a record number of summer missionaries in 1983, reported Bill Lee, assistant director of the HMB's special mission ministries department.

Lee said 1,542 college and seminary students began 10 weeks of mission service in June, up 100 from the 1982 total of 1,442. The summer missionaries are serving in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and four western provinces of Canada.

Lee attributed the record appointments to increases in Baptist Student Union-sponsored positions. BSU groups picked up the tab on 436 out-of-state appointments and 276 in-state appointments, said Lee. BSU groups throughout the country raised more than \$1 million to send fellow students to both home and foreign missions fields.

The Mississippi Baptist Student Union sent out 64 students and have raised over \$64,000 so far for their support.

BSU efforts, said Lee, saved the HMB at least \$500,000 in transporta-

tion costs alone for summer missionaries.

Texans accounted for the greatest number of assigned missionaries with 196 summer workers. California and New York received the largest number of summer workers with 115 each. Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., led the list of the top 100 colleges/universities sending summer missionaries with 37.

Lee said 1983 summer missions appointments included 21 ordained ministers and 29 seminary students. He noted 164 of the 1983 assigned missionaries also served in 1982.

"The figures point out the vitality and health of our student missions and volunteer missions programs," said Lee, noting increases in the number of requests for volunteers from the field and in the number of student applicants.

Summer missions appointments "benefit students in terms of their future involvement in missions, either as a missionary, a church staffer, or a layperson," Lee said. "It also provides missions education as these students

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Tennessee suit

"Integrated auxiliary" definition still plagues

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP)—The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has been dismissed as a plaintiff in the lawsuit it had filed jointly with Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. against the Internal Revenue Service.

The suit had been filed Feb. 16 in U.S. District Court for Middle Tennessee, Cookeville Division, to contest penalties levied by IRS against the children's homes for its refusal to file Information Form 990.

In an action which may have impact outside Tennessee, Judge L. Clure Morton instructed the IRS to submit to TBCH attorneys its definitions of "interchurch agency, church and association or convention of churches." However, Morton instructed IRS to provide these definitions "in the main."

The definitions could provide a consistent outline of what an "integrated auxiliary" of individual churches,

state conventions, and the national Southern Baptist Convention legally is.

July 15, Morton dismissed the TBC Executive Board since it is not a corporate entity which has been assessed penalties. Morton did advise the attorneys for the Executive Board that if a separate lawsuit was filed by the board it might be consolidated with the TBCH suit and heard at the same time.

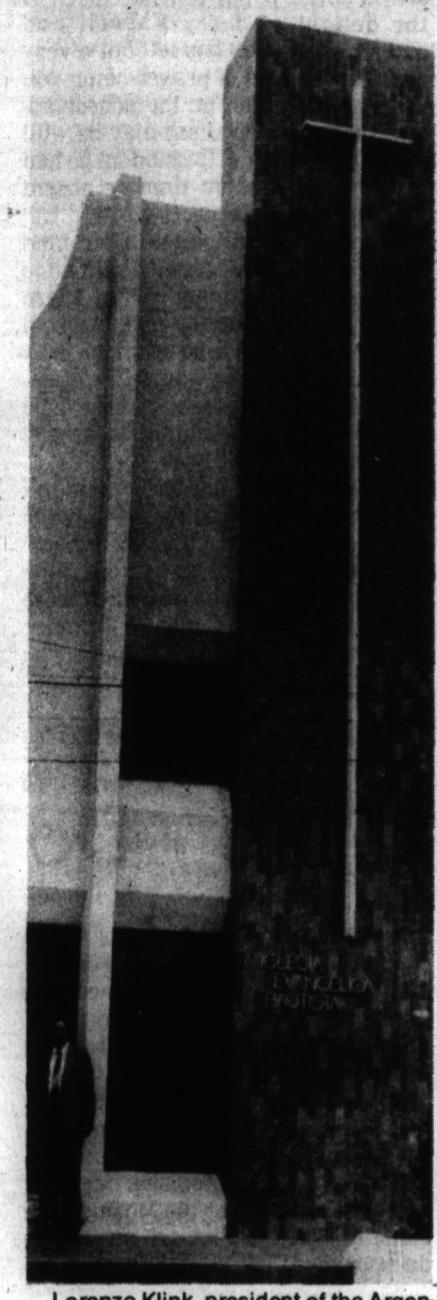
The suit seeks to recover \$17,875 paid by TBCH in penalties and interest in what was termed "unlawful assessments."

The TBCH and TBC Executive Board contend the children's homes are not required under Internal Revenue Act of 1976 to file Information Form 990 and to file such forms would "result in an excessive entanglement of government in the function of the church which is violative of the U.S. Constitution, including the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment."

The IRS Act of 1976 was interpreted by IRS regulations to mean certain religious organizations, such as Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, were not "integrated auxiliaries" of churches and conventions of churches and therefore are subject to government inquiries and possible taxation.

Also at the hearing, Morton ruled TBCH could include in the suit \$11,990 in penalties and interest paid by TBCH in 1980, 1981, 1982, in addition to \$17,875 in penalties and interest paid by TBCH in 1977, 1978 and 1979.

In April 1981, TBCH was informed it would be assessed penalties and interest for refusal to file Form 990. In May the TBC Executive Board voted to "reiterate its position on the separation of church and state by taking such actions as is necessary, including retaining legal counsel, to support the refusal of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes to file Form 990."



Lorenzo Klink, president of the Argentine Baptist Convention, stands outside the First Baptist Church of Neuquen, Argentina, where he is pastor.

Ham hookup planned during Men's Rally

Mark Alexander, missionary in Argentina, a part of the Rio de la Plata-Mississippi Partners mission program, will be a speaker during the Mississippi Baptist Men's Rally, Aug. 19, at Parkway Church, Jackson.

Alexander will speak from Argentina on a ham radio set up through the Disaster Relief ham radio equipment.

Also on hand during the evening program, which begins with a banquet at 5:30 p.m., and continues with an evening service at 7, will be representatives of the Medical-Dental Fellowship, the Baptist Hams Fellowship, and the Disaster Relief Ministry. The disaster relief van will be set up for display at Parkway.

This annual meeting for Baptist Men from around the state, kicks off with a banquet featuring songwriter, conservationist Paul Ott Carruth. Tickets for the banquet are \$5 per person and may (Continued on page 3)

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WIN School training

Making "divine appointments"

By Tim Nicholas

One man who had been a member of First Church, Lyman for 20 years, signed up for the church's first WIN (Witness Involvement Now) School last year.

He attended quietly the first four evenings of the course which is a strategy for equipping people for lifestyle evangelism. Then Thursday, when participants were to get some practical witnessing experience, the man sat in his car crying.

The man told pastor Delton Beall that he had never really given his life over to Christ and made a profession

Moonies are going after the uncommitted—"evangelistically"—but are Baptists? See editorial Page 2.

of faith that evening. He announced his decision to the church that Sunday, and shortly after, led his sister to the Lord only two weeks before she died.

One shy member of First, Lyman, went home from a class to practice reading the witnessing help booklet, "Steps to Peace with God." As she read it to her sister, the sister began to weep and the girl led her to the Lord that evening at home. The next night the WIN School class heard the testimony of a girl who had timidly shared the plan of salvation with her sister and received results on the spot.

"This helps with motivation," says Pastor Beall, who has led the church into three WIN Schools in the past two years. He notes that though four out of five faith-sharing visits result in being turned down or turned away, that fifth visit will have some measure of success. "Successful witnessing is simply sharing Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit," says Beall.

The WIN Schools at First, Lyman, have consisted of a Sunday evening opening session of an hour and a half, then the next three nights of two hours of class, then Thursday evening of visitation—on the job, training. About 100 of the 500 resident members of the church have attended one of three WIN Schools there. Baptisms reached 77 last year.

"It's not just a soul-winning school," says Beall, quoting from the materials, "It teaches a person how to have a life worth sharing and how to share a life worth living." He adds that it tends to make people effective, enthusiastic, and confident in sharing their faith.

Jenny Peterman, an eighth grade math teacher, has helped out in all three schools. She attended the first one, but told herself she wasn't going on the Thursday visitation. "The Holy Spirit sorta dared me to go," she says. So, she went. That evening, either people weren't home or they responded with "Nah, that's not for me," she says. Then she and the two other women with her approached a darkened house, praying in the car for a response. They got out and discovered two men working on a car out front. "They invited us in the house where there was better light—both were saved that night," she says. Similar stories abound, always with an invitation to those saved—black or white—to fellowship with First, Lyman.

Larry Strohm rededicated his life to Christ after a visit from Jenny Peterman. He is junior high football coach and physical education teacher at the same school where she works. Now, he has witnessed to his kids at school—even at the washateria he'll ask people if they know Jesus.

Deacon Paul Workman says he'd prayed for the Lord to send the church someone "gung ho" on evangelism and he believes that has happened with Delton Beall. Beall and Workman teamed up for interesting results recently. Workman confronted a young woman at a department store about her relationship to God. She started coming to church with her boyfriend and she later asked Beall to marry them at the Lyman church. In the ceremony, Beall mentioned that the marriage was the second most important decision of their lives.

Afterwards, the girl's sister drew Beall aside asking what the most important decision was. "I said accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior," says Beall. "Her sister and brother-in-law made professions of faith there," he adds.

Shortly, Beall and Workman, who are both certified to teach Continuing Witnessing Training, will begin that program at First, Lyman. He says a major part of witness training is in finding out if you are a Christian yourself, then the receiving of a cleansing from God before going out to witness.

"If we are willing witnesses, there are searching souls everywhere—God will lead you to an encounter," says Beall, "a divine appointment."

Editorials

Prayer in the classroom

President Reagan has revised his proposed amendment on voluntary prayer in the public schools, much to the delight of Jerry Falwell and others; but he still has left out a very important aspect of prayer being voluntary. The state, or the school administration, as the case may be, still would be able to tell the student he had to pray at a certain time or absent himself from the area.

Right off, it is difficult to understand why it is that there is such attention to be given to the thought that there should be prayer in the public school classroom. Those who want to pray are going to do it anyway, in the classroom or elsewhere; and those who don't want to are going to be among those who leave the area.

The word is that those who wouldn't want to pray would be able to leave so that they would not suffer the embarrassment of being different; but if the truth were known in advance, those who would leave might outnumber those who would stay. The ones who were praying might be the "different" ones.

And if the prayers were to be used as

an evangelistic witness to those who wouldn't feel disposed to pray, then the impact would be lost; for the non-prayers would not be there. Otherwise, those who would pray probably would take care of that at home before they left for school.

Initially, the President's proposed amendment read as follows: "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions."

"No person shall be required by the United States or any state to participate in prayer."

Early in his effort to get this amendment considered, the President was asked how the school children would know how to pray. His reply was that someone would have to write the prayers for them. That raised such a cry that he changed his plan and proposed the following addition: "Nor shall the United States or any state compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools."

This makes the whole thing look like a political ploy. He proposed one thing; and when he found it wouldn't

work, rather than dropping it, he turned it around to make it into something completely different.

The possibility of misunderstandings demands the necessity of taking on this and that to make it understandable and acceptable to all. Actually, the President's first sentence should be the heart of the matter and all that is necessary: "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions." But there is nothing in the Constitution now that prohibits such prayer. In fact, the Constitution encourages such prayer, for it guarantees the right of assembly and says the government cannot in any way address itself to religious considerations. Therefore, religious assemblies are just as lawful as any other kind as long as they are not government sponsored.

The Supreme Court didn't outlaw prayer in public schools in its 1962 decision. It simply said that the state could not force the issue or compose the prayers. A lot of district courts have misinterpreted that ruling, but that is not the fault of the Constitution.

If the President's amendment is passed, there will be a lot of administration-established prayer meetings even though the prayers would not be written by the teachers. That is not voluntary.

A voluntary prayer meeting is when one student or a group of students spreads the word that there is going to be a prayer session during a break in school activity, and students and teachers can attend or not attend as they see fit.

The Constitution guarantees that right. Let's leave it alone.

Reagan's proposed amendment, along with one by Sen. Orrin Hatch, has been sent to the Senate for consideration. Hatch's would allow for a time of silence for public school students to take advantage of in any way they would choose, including prayer. It also would establish the right of public school students to have religious programs and prayer sessions in school facilities if other groups do so.

If we must have a constitutional amendment, Hatch's is much more palatable.

Renew, Restock, Replenish



COME APART BEFORE YOU FALL APART
(MARK 6:31)

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Colorado: "Celebrate life"

July 3: No vacancy. No vacancy, No

Then finally "one room left" at Holiday Inn, Manitou Springs. July 4: As No. 194 on stand-by for the cog train to Pike's Peak, we gave up. What's more American than hot dogs and watermelon? W.D., Luann, and I had a front table for the July Jamboree in Briarhurst Garden, to hear the Country Critters and see the High Country Cloggers. In late afternoon, little flags flew from poolside tables for the motel's barbecue. Near midnight, fireworks outlined mountains beyond Colorado Springs.

But Don Bluth was my favorite (Sat. a.m.) among the program personalities. He was not billed as a devotional speaker, but he left a good taste in my mouth and an upswing of hope in my heart. Slight of stature, he has a young-looking face, through his hair is greying and beginning to recede. His eyes mirror a compassionate nature; his black moustache offsets a charming smile. A former animator for Disney, he now has his own studio for producing the animated classic.

Many say, "Push. Drive. Get that raise. Money is the goal." But Bluth said, "Money is not the goal. To celebrate life — that is the goal." He said that people ask why a grown man would draw cartoons, and explained, "Animation is art. 'Animated' means being alive, and I love being alive, loving and touching people." Technology will never replace a human being. I enjoy, as all of us can, the beautiful things that God has created and put here for us to enjoy. A poet expresses feelings through words; I express feelings through the medium of the animated cartoon.

The electronic age is here. The bomb is here. But humanity is still important. That's what I want to get across. Happiness is within you. You are unique. Use your writing, or other talent, for good, to make the world better.

"They may keep making bombs. They may even blow up the earth. But this is now. And now you can make things better. Celebrate life!"

Re: Chaplains

For last week's Baptist Record, I wrote a feature story about the need for military chaplains. John McBride, director of the Department of Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has shared with me that next year his department will be having a skills conference at Garaywa for chaplains, Sept. 14-15. The department supports a network of chaplains in Mississippi, called the Mississippi Baptist Chaplains' Fellowship. There are 85 chaplains in the network, which includes military, industrial, hospital, and institutional chaplains. Each year they have a retreat at Gulfshore. Also they have a banquet at state Baptist convention time in November. The president of this group is Ed Dowdy, chaplain, VA Hospital, Biloxi.

growing by leaps and bounds. God is truly blessing us.

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A mission group from Society Hill Church, Jeff Davis County, worked with Harlowton Church recently.—Editor

For fellowship, not fracture

Editor:

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference developed in an era when the pastor was our only ordained clergy. To cope with a new era our religious leadership has developed specialized forms, such as musician, evangelist, educator, chaplain, etc. Likewise, national organizations have developed for the specialized groups. Unfortunately, no integrating fellowship has been developed nationwide.

Perhaps we need to correct this fragmentation. For example, a ministers' fellowship could meet on Monday afternoon and evening each year just

before the Southern Baptist Convention begins on Tuesday morning. The several specialized ministry groups could continue their present meetings on Sunday afternoon and evening and Monday morning. To insure a program appealing to all forms of ordained ministry and integrative of our mutual concerns, the fellowship could be managed by a board of 12 with representation something like this: six pastors, an evangelist, a musician, a chaplain, an educator, a denominational employee, and a retiree. These elders could be elected on three-year terms on a rotating basis. Attention would also need to be given to geographical distribution.

Those who consider the pastor to be the only legitimate form of ministry might oppose such a proposal. Nevertheless, the witness of Southern Baptists is ill served by fragmented leadership. An annual meeting for all ministers on a nation-wide basis could do much to unify the leadership of our denomination.

Russell Bennett
Louisville, Kentucky

Do the Moonies have a field?

The Moonies, the adherents of the Unification Church, have moved into Jackson in force; and the chances are that they will find plenty of prospects. The fields are harvest white just among the people we have missed.

Those missed are the the only ones they're interested in, the Moonies say. But there are thousands of them.

It's too late to say let's get busy and enlist these people or the Moonies will come in. The Moonies are already in Jackson, and they are counting on finding

plenty of converts. The reason they are counting on converts is that they know their adherents will be at work.

That we should have been hard at work ourselves goes without saying. But if indeed we haven't been as diligent as we should have been, it doesn't necessarily follow that we can't change the circumstances.

The reason the Moonies get converts is that they go after them. They know they are not going to get every prospect they call on. They also know they are

going to get a good share because they have an attractive offer.

What is their offer? It is a call to commitment. People hear it and respond.

What is it that we have to offer? Can we match their commitment?

If we can't, we'd better take down our sign, as we used to say in earlier days. But we can, and we need to be out in the "real" world doing it.

We need to challenge people in order to lead them into the Kingdom of

God—not just to keep them out of the Moonies.

Many Baptist churches in Mississippi, of course, are deeply involved in providing training for witnessing and in active witnessing in their communities. Their efforts should be an inspiration for all of us. An example of such a church is First Baptist Church, Lyman. A story about that church's involvement in witnessing is on Page 1 of this issue.

Guest opinion

Church growth—where are we going?

By Guy Henderson

Church growth statistician Peter Wagner estimates that 55,000 persons become Christians every day and 1,400 Christian churches are planted every week around the world. However, more than 2.7 billion still know nothing or very little about the gospel, and over 100 million of them are in America. Southern Baptist churches in the USA baptize more than 1,000 each day, but still we are losing ground to the population growth of our nation.

What is Church Growth? In Gen. 15:5-6 God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. In Gen. 28:14, Jacob receives a similar promise. Paul has a lot to say about this in Rom. 4:13-25 and Gal. 3:6-9, applying the promise of Genesis 12 to the church and declaring that the

gospel was preached to Abraham. God seems to be highly interested in growth and numbers.

Ron Lewis and Charles Chaney, authors of *Design for Church Growth*, observe signs in Paul's life essential to a winning habit. (1) He had one ambition—to know Christ, (2) he had a God-given dream, (3) he had a life long strategy, (4) he had boundless dedication, (5) he had unquenchable desire, and (6) he had total confidence that he would be successful in what God had sent him to do.

With this recognition, where is Church Growth going today? Even in the Bible belt we have an estimated 60 percent of the population which chooses not to attend church. Only a

few churches are growing. Many have slipped into a "hold the fort" mentality or a maintenance syndrome. Church growth is the pressing need of Christianity today. Is this alarming trend being felt in the local church; check your growth rate for the past 10 years. Can anything be done?

Donald McGowan believes the church today stands poised on a new age of explosive growth. This is contingent, of course, on our willingness to commit ourselves to evangelism and biblical principles of Church growth.

This concern is evident in a number of our churches as they take a new look at their Sunday School and evangelistic efforts.

In August there will be four Church Growth Conferences conducted jointly

by the Sunday School and Evangelism departments in strategic areas of Mississippi. Church growth revivals, using a definite procedure of preparation, are scheduled in a few churches this coming year. The major emphasis of the 1984 Evangelism/Bible Conference is "Church Growth, A Great Challenge for Mississippi"; and in September 1984 a church growth seminar will be held in Jackson.

It has long been noted that the natural outflow of the overflow of the inflow of the Christ life within a church body is evangelism. Our outreach and concern for others is an accurate thermometer of our spiritual growth.

Guy Henderson is director of the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Letters to the Editor

Missionaries find relative

Editor:

I just wanted to write and share a wonderful story with you.

I attend Liberty Baptist Church in Smith County and get your paper every week.

Thirty-one years ago my husband's brother was in the Navy stationed in Japan. He met and fell in love with a girl over there; but because of red tape, our government would not permit her to come to America. They married by Japanese law and had a son who will be 30 years old in August. We have never seen him except pictures. His father stayed in contact with them for several years; then the letters started coming back, and we lost all contact.

My brother-in-law died 13 years ago in a house fire, so we didn't think we would ever hear from his son. The family has talked about how we could find him; so last November, after we had a Mission Bible Study, the thought came to me, why not write to the Southern Baptist mission office in Japan. I wrote and told them our story. Mr. Max Love, treasurer in the office in Tokyo wrote back and said they had checked the last address we had and no one knew anything about his family.

But Saturday, June 18, I received a letter from Mark, my husband's nephew. The Baptist Mission had located him. God answered our prayers.

He was living in Tokyo. God had to have had a hand in it for Mark to be found in a city as large as Tokyo.

I got so excited when I saw the letter was from Mark that I couldn't read it till I got his grandfather, uncle, and aunts all together so we could share it all at the same time. My brother-in-law retired from the Navy and was staying with his sister at the time of his death. It was his sister's house. Everything burned except her family Bible that had the letters from Mark's mother.

We hope someday that Mark can come to America to meet his father's family.

I just wanted to share our story because we are so happy and let people

know what wonderful people our missionaries and fellow Christians are.

Ruth Delk
Taylorsville, Miss.

Sixty-plus club

The Sixty-Plus Club of Soso was organized January 13, 1980, by Dr. Jim Beck, pastor, a few months after he was called to pastor the church.

Many accomplishments have been met that were planned since organized, with monthly meetings at the church in the fellowship hall, enjoying covered dish luncheons, good planned programs with wonderful fellowship.

Dr. Beck's great interest in the elderly group has created much interest in the church. He has planned and made many trips for the group; some to mention, points of interest in Jackson, Miss.; New Orleans, La.; Bures, La.; Natchez, Miss. for the annual pilgrimage; Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Bellington Gardens at Mobile, Ala.; the pottery factory in Marshall, Texas; and to Hodges Gardens in La.; and other places such as eating out in famous restaurants.

Since Dr. Beck organized the Sixty-Plus Club in Soso First Baptist Church, many churches have done so in Jones County.

He drives the church bus himself, and makes himself one of the group, enjoying everything that's done.

Always there is a prayer for guidance and protection on bus before the journey begins and a prayer of thanksgiving on bus upon arrival at each destination.

The Sixty-Plus Club is most grateful for this wonderful man of God in his interest to the elderly and the great work he is doing in the church.

Mrs. Blanche Welborn
Soso, Miss.

A revival report

"If your spirit didn't catch on fire, then your wood is wet" were the words of a testimony spoken at the final service of the revival at East Louisville Church. Spirits caught on fire.

Several months ago the deacons at

East Louisville decided to attempt something they had never tried or even heard of—a deacon-preached revival in their church. Then began prayer after prayer. Dates were set and "preachers" were chosen . . . a different one for each service, preaching at night and teaching at noon. Of the 10 men in the "active" body of deacons only one has done much lay preaching. Some folks were skeptical, but more chose to walk in faith and prayer.

The people at East Louisville have seen what the power of God can do when men surrender their wills to that of God. Men who shake before a crowd stood in complete ease; words flowed from men who find it difficult to speak to a large gathering. We listened to men who are a part of us, who know our needs and failings tell us what God was telling them. We felt the power of God as people prayed at the altar during each service and as they presented themselves there for prayer at the close of each service. We saw God's power when at the urging of no person, people put their arms around each other and said, "I love you." And we saw His power as each of those 10 deacons, our minister of music, and our pastor stood before the church and pledged to ask "What would Jesus do?" before each act, word, or decision.

In the past year East Louisville has worked through problems and turmoil. We have come from a board of deacons who only met to make decisions to a body of deacons who pray and serve. We are becoming a group of people who love each other and care about each other's needs. We are learning to reach out. We have not arrived, but we know what the power of God can do.

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Thanks from Montana

Editor:

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AMEN stands for love imperative

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points in the province.

Klink is at this time president of the convention of Argentine Baptists. His resourcefulness is documented through the ministry he has built in the city of Neuquen and throughout the province.

The province of Neuquen is bound by the Andes Mountains on the west and is in the shape of a triangle with the Colorado River forming the top boundary and the Limay River forming the bottom. The Neuquen River runs down the East side and blunts the point of the triangle. The ministry carried on by the church outside the walls of the church is handled by an organization called A.M.E.N. The Spanish language uses amen as we do as a plea to the Lord to heed our prayer. Also the word, amen, in Spanish is the imperative form of to love. In Neuquen, however, the church has used the letters to form an acronym for Asociacion Mutualista Evangelica Neuquena, or the Mutual Evangelistic Association of Neuquen.

A large part of the ministry of the church in the community is the school. It is a part of AMEN.

The plan is for the school to move to seven grades eventually. The director of the school is Mrs. Roberto Bisonni. The school meets in the church facilities. Ninety-one percent of the families sending their children to the kindergarten are Catholic, Klink noted. The school visitation program puts the church in touch with 600 families which are not believer families, he added.

Roberto Bisonni, a medical doctor, is director of the health department of the church, and this is a part of AMEN. Mr. and Mrs. Bisonni are members of the church, and he gave up a thriving medical career to take over the medical work of the church. He was the head of intensive care work for the government for all of Neuquen Province. When he resigned to go to work for the church, Klink told him there was a possibility that the church could not pay him anything. "That is the Lord's problem," said Bisonni.

AMEN has a board of directors made up of 14 people. The structure includes an administrative department, health department, and education department. The administrative department has three people in it. The health department has the director and associate director as well as three doctors, three nurses, a dentist, a speech therapist, and five paramedics. In addition to the general director in the education department there are 12 in the kindergarten area and six in the primary school area. All

Junior Miss coming to Youth Night

Carla Haag, Mississippi's Junior Miss; Singer David Meece; and William Pinson, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be featured during Youth Night, 1983.

Youth Night will take place Friday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. Sponsored by the

Haag Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the annual event will include participation by hundreds of Mississippi Baptist young people. Student participation includes a handbell choir, instrumental band, and singing choir, all recruited from Baptist churches across the state. Instrumentalists will be high school students Mera Hall of Jackson, and Mark Snow of Florence.

Miss Haag will give her Christian testimony.

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night is open to the public. There is no admission charge.



Pinson

Meece

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Cooperative Program Receipts

Month	1982	% of Total	1983	% of Total	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
January	\$ 1,076,552	7.9	\$ 1,217,037	8.1	\$ 140,485	13.0
February	1,196,121	8.7	1,335,282	8.9	139,161	11.6
March	1,146,091	8.4	1,284,572	8.5	138,481	12.1
April	1,145,609	8.4	1,277,638	8.5	132,229	11.5
May	913,153	6.7	961,739	6.3	48,586	5.3
June	1,287,260	9.4	1,508,186	10.0	220,926	17.2
July	1,103,737	8.1	1,038,580	6.9	(65,157)	(5.9)
TOTAL	\$ 7,868,523	57.6	\$ 8,623,234	57.2	\$ 754,711	9.6
Budget for 7 Months			8,791,417			
OVER (UNDER)			\$ (168,183)			
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 13,676,656		\$ 15,071,000		\$ 1,394,344	10.2



An international group examines the site that First Church, Neuquen, has purchased for a new hospital. Standing around the map are, left to right, Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Roberto Bisonni, director of AMEN's medical department; Rodolfo Inda, general director of the education department; and Nestor Emilio Trillo, president of the Board of Directors of AMEN. Standing in the background is Lorenzo Klink, pastor of First Church, Neuquen. Standing at right is Don Mines, SBC missionary to Argentina and coordinator for the Mississippi-Argentina partnership.



A young pastor at one of the mission sites of First Church, Neuquen, and his family welcome Mississippi visitors.



Speech therapist Maria Amelia Espinoza handles the controls of her speech therapy unit.

Siberian emigrees . . .

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Chmykhalovs and five members of the Vashchenko family to come to the United States, an effort which culminated when the Pentecostals arrived in Vienna, Austria, on July 18 from Moscow.

Urshan said several persons from St. Louis had volunteered to donate land for the family, but he said the offers had been temporarily shelved.

"I'm going to let them decide what they want to do," he said. "We don't want to exploit these people. They have struggled for so long to come to a free nation where they can worship as they enjoy."

They come to a community that has had a sizable Russian emigrant population since the Soviet Union began letting Jews emigrate a decade ago. About 175 Russian Jews have settled in the DeBaliviere rehabilitation project, a renovated housing area in what had been one of the city's worst ghettos.

If contributions the final quarter continue at the same rate as the first three quarters, the national Cooperative Program will receive almost \$101.6 million. The basic operating and capital needs budget is \$100 million and the challenge budget is \$106 million.

Off the Record

With the metric system of weights and measures in effect, we will be speaking in terms of meters, millimeters, grams, kilograms, liters, etc., instead of pounds and miles and pints. This will mean, of course, that many of our old sayings and proverbs will have to be brought up to date.

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"Give a man 2.54 centimeters and he'll take 1.609 kilometers."

"28,350 grams of prevention is worth 453,592 grams of cure."

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WMU leader training set for day, night schedules

A series of Woman's Missionary Union Leadership Training Camps are scheduled in three cities, with a choice of six days and day or night meetings.

This training is designed for newly-elected church WMU leaders and is offered for officers of WMU, Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, plus directors and leaders of Acteens, Girls in Action, and Mission Friends.

The schedule is Aug. 15: Camp Garaywa, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; and 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 16: Camp Garaywa, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; and 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 17: Camp Garaywa, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Aug. 18: West Laurel Church, Laurel, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; and 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 22: North Oxford Church, Oxford, 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 23: North Oxford Church, Oxford, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be separate sessions for newly-elected and for more experienced WMU directors; for enlistment workers, and to help in learning to use the WMU magazines, plus a number of special interest conferences.

A resource center for home mission and foreign mission book studies for 1983-84 will be set up in each locale and a book store will be available at Camp Garaywa.

Urban evangelism meet draws secular interest

NITEROI, Brazil (BP)—Some 440 Baptist leaders from 20 countries compared notes on urban evangelism June 26-July 3 in Niteroi, Brazil, and went home with a bundle of practical ideas.

The World Baptist Congress on Urban Evangelism, sponsored by Brazilian Baptists, had participants joining several thousand Brazilians each evening for inspirational messages with afternoon sessions focusing on intensive discussion of 12 models for action.

Recorded on paper and videocassette for distribution to Baptist conventions worldwide, the models outline proven evangelistic methods in philosophy and practice. They include

tactics for reaching the nominally religious, confronting secular ideologies, church planting, student evangelism, social ministry and motivating laymen.

The evangelism congress made an immediate impact on two urban areas—Niteroi and nearby Rio de Janeiro. Federal employees were allowed leave time to attend the sessions through the efforts of a Baptist congressman.

The meeting drew considerable attention from Brazil's largest newspapers, and a session on urban social needs reportedly sparked on hour-long discussion in the federal congress in Brasilia.

Chinese study materials are urgently needed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptists must provide culturally relevant Bible study materials if Chinese-American churches are going to minister effectively to an expected influx of Chinese people, according to Chinese consultant Peter Kung.

Chinese Bible study materials presently are available only from Hong Kong publishers, Kung said, but the Baptist Sunday School Board has made a commitment to begin providing Bible study materials in Chinese, possibly beginning next year on a very limited basis.

Kung, consultant in the language missions unit at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said Chinese Southern Baptist churches need materials to successfully share the gospel with Chinese people and then train them to witness.

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Paris choir enlists joy from H'burg

Fourteen-year-old Bart Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob H. Jones of 308 North 21st Avenue, Hattiesburg, has been named a guest-artist-in-residence with the Paris Boys Choir of Paris, France, and with boys choirs in Belgium and Germany, under a program sponsored by the American Boy Choir Federation. He is the first boy from Mississippi ever to have been invited to participate.

Bart is the son of Bob H. Jones, minister of music at Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. He is a member of the Junior High Choir.

The invitation was extended to Bart in the basis of his association with the University of Southern Mississippi Opera Theater's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors," which was directed by Kari Brock. According to Rodolfo Torres, president of the Federation, Bart was recommended because of his singing ability and because of his "ambassadorial qualities."

Young Jones will fly on August 3 to the John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, to join a group of 18 boys selected from the entire U.S.A. and Canada by the Paris Boys Choir. The American boys will fly to Brussels,

Belgium, for a day of rehearsals in preparation for concert appearances in various cities of Europe.

In France, the boys will be guests in the homes of Paris Boys Choir singers, and will attend school with the Paris boys. They will sing the Sunday service in the American Church of Paris. They will also sing in the Notre Dame Cathedral and other churches and synagogues in Paris.

In Belgium, the boys will be guests in the homes of "Hit Parade des Enfants," a group of Belgian boy singers who perform popular music for television.

In Cologne, Germany, the boys will be guests in the homes of boys and girls of the Ehrenfelder Kinderchor. They will sing in the Cologne Cathedral, in a home for the aged, and in various other German institutions.

While in Europe, the boys will receive voice coaching by some of the world's leading boy-voice coaches and choral directors. They will also be taught history and geography while travelling through historic areas. The group will return to the U.S. on August 18.



Gilburths

Singles will look at "living... love"

"Living In His Love" will be the theme of the Singles Conference Sept. 9 and 10 to be sponsored by the Christian Action Commission. The conference will be held at First Church, Greenwood.

Ken and Ann Gilburth will be the featured speakers. The conference will begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 and conclude at 4 p.m. Sept. 10. It is open to Mississippi singles and especially targeted for those in the Delta and Northwest Mississippi.

"This singles conference is designed to reach the many single adults, unmarried and formerly married, who need the fellowship of other singles and the encouragement that comes from being a part of the church," said Paul Jones, executive director of the Christian Action Commission. "The conference will emphasize the role of maturing in the Christian faith and growing as a responsible single in light of Christ's love and His work with singles through the church," he added.

The Gilburths are co-directors of the Shepherd's Staff, a religious counseling service in Jackson. They are members of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. "They will bring to this conference a biblically-based and challenging look at the role of the Christian single in society," Jones said.

There is no charge for the conference, but participants will be responsible for their lodging and meals. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 9. Additional information may be secured by writing the Christian Action Commission, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, or by calling (601) 968-3800, ext. 3929.

capsules

Commissioned

The Foreign Mission Board commissioned four journeymen from Mississippi on July 22. These have been in for training since April. They are Terry Dent, Holly Springs, who will be serving in South Africa; Tom Ferguson, Hattiesburg, Kenya; Anne Harrington, Houston, Japan; and Jeff Keyes, Clinton, Botswana.

Vatican bill

WASHINGTON (BP)—Legislation to establish U.S. diplomatic relations with the Vatican has been introduced by the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee along with 25 co-sponsors.

H. J. Res. 316, introduced by Clement J. Zablocki, D-Wis., would repeal part of an 1867 statute barring funds for a diplomatic representative to the pope. The Reagan administration has indicated its support for the bill, which would open the way for the president to establish formal ties at his discretion.

Bus pull injures

TULSA, Okla. (BP)—Two young boys were hospitalized with broken bones after being injured in a bus-pulling contest staged by Eastwood Church, Tulsa, on Sunday afternoon, July 17. Three to four hundred bus ministry children were divided into teams to pull more than 15 church buses with ropes across a 30-yard parking lot.

An Eastwood spokesman said the injured boys, ages 6 and 13, were listed in fair condition at St. John's Hospital and were expected to remain in the hospital 10 days to two weeks.

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THE VILLAGE VIEW FROM Baptist Children's Village P. O. Box 11308

Gifts of Honor and Memory June 26 - July 25

A portion of the Village View is allocated each month to a listing of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Mrs. Little Adkins
Mrs. Eva Daughdrill
Mrs. Maude Kelly Rayborn
Mrs. Patsy Faye Yopp Allen
Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Moore
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Jr.
Miss Genevieve Anderson
Charles & Betty Eberle
Mrs. John Arbury
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Todd Little
Tom & Mary Adeline Pace
Nancy & Mandy Ray

Fundamentalists

KANSAS CITY, KS. (EP)—More than 25,000 fundamentalists from independent Baptist churches across the country are expected to seek to heal old wounds and dispel their image as "snake handlers" at a convention next April in Washington, according to Religious News Service.

The "Baptist Fundamentalism '84" conference will attempt to define what fundamentalists believe, which is based on five Baptist fundamentals: Bible Scripture is without error; Christ is God in the flesh; Christ died for the sins of mankind; Christ rose bodily; and Christ will return bodily.

Organizers say that closer fellowships, not an ongoing organization, are the aim of the convention.

Cancer fight

NEW YORK (EP)—Evangelist Ruth Carter Stapleton, sister of former President Jimmy Carter, has been told she has terminal cancer. In a recent interview on the NBC Today program, Stapleton disclosed that she has cancer of the pancreas and has been given less than one percent chance of survival by her doctors, according to Christian Life magazine.

Nevertheless, she has decided to forego conventional prescribed procedures of chemotherapy and radium, she said, and will rely instead on prayer and a diet regimen to effect a cure.

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First, McLaurin marks Golden Jubilee of WMU

First Baptist Church, McLaurin, held a special day, July 10, honoring the Woman's Missionary Union in that church on its Golden Jubilee.

Four living charter members were recognized. They are Mrs. Vivian Pyburn, Mrs. Iola Howard, Mrs. Alberta Dunkley, and Mrs. Ruby Mapp. Mrs. Joncie Howell, WMU director for the church and also for Lebanon Baptist Association, presented a gold WMU pin to each of them.

Joel Ray, Lebanon director of missions, acted as master of ceremonies. A panel discussion was held, with charter members telling happenings of early years in the church's WMU. Marjean Patterson, Clinton, state WMU director, was guest speaker.

An old-fashioned dinner on the ground was served after the morning service. Jerry G. Wise is the pastor.

Oak Grove will dedicate sanctuary

Oak Grove Baptist Church, Shubuta, will dedicate its new sanctuary on Sunday, Aug. 7, in a service at 3 p.m. The day will also be observed as homecoming at Oak Grove. After the morning service, dinner will be served at the church at noon.

Winter will speak at MC commencement

Gov. William F. Winter of Mississippi will be the featured speaker for the summer commencement sched-

uled at Mississippi College on Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on the campus in Clinton.

Winter's address and the exercises will bring to a close the 157th academic session at the college. There were 447 individuals who received degrees during the annual spring commencement in May.

Lewis Nobles, president of the college, will confer the degrees on the 110 graduates. There will be 47 persons receiving undergraduate degrees, 54 graduate degrees, six the education specialist degree, and three the doctor of jurisprudence degree from the School of Law.

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NINE STUDENTS in Grade Six Department, First Baptist Church, West Point's Sunday School have received certificates from the Baptist Sunday School Board for reaching the level of excellence in Bible Searchers Memory Plan. They are, front row, from left, Cheryl Simmons, Jane Glasgow, Carolyn Ellis, (B. Z. Dyer, memory work coordinator), and second row, Patricia Lyons, Shannon Carter, Leigh Robinson, and Donine Arnold. The other two are Jodi Trulove and John Cantrell. These pupils learned over 40 memory verses, all books and divisions of the Bible, and four long memory passages. Mrs. Allie S. Vance is department director; David Hall is pastor.



MRS. ANNIE BARBER received a plaque recently for 17 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School at First Baptist Church, Carriere. It was presented by the Sunday School director, Neal Morehead. A gift was presented from the Homemakers Sunday School Class by Mrs. Nina Smith. The pastor, Wm. Gary Smith, also gave her a family size Bible. Left to right: Nina Smith, Morehead, Barber, the pastor.

Names In The News.

Allie Grubb, a former employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Hinds County Baptist Association, died

Tuesday, July 26, in St. Louis, Mo. She was 89. Funeral services were held Friday, July 29, at 2:30 p.m. at Carpenter Street Baptist Church, Moberly, Mo. Miss Grubb worked in various capacities in the Baptist Building at Camp Garaywa, and as secretary / bookkeeper for J. Clark Hensley, when he was director of missions for Hinds Association. After her retirement, she returned to East Carondelet, Ill., across the river from her native Missouri. Survivors include two nieces.

Thomas Hastings Baker, 66, retired Home Mission Board art director, died July 13 following open-heart surgery. Baker worked at the HMB for 17 years and is perhaps best known for a series of paintings depicting the history of the HMB which were first displayed at the 1982 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans. He was born in Charlotte, N.C., and grew up in Nashville, Tenn., and Tampa, Fla.

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Sunday night, July 24. He has assumed the position as minister of music/pastor assistant at the Monticello Baptist Church.

Hardy R. Denham, Jr., president of Pulpit Ministries, Newton, and author of four books, will be presented in an autograph party at the Carthage-Leake County Library, from 2 to 4 p.m., Aug. 8, during the week in which he will be preaching for a revival at Trinity Baptist Church, Carthage. His books are *Living Toward a Vision: Freedom from Frustration*; *After You've Said I Do*; and *Marriage Renewal Sourcebook*.

Charles Davis, associate professor of Bible at Mississippi College, was selected as a participant in a workshop on Archaeology and the Bible, held at Biola University, La Mirada, Calif., July 23-29. The workshop was part of a series of ten sponsored by the Christian College Coalition and funded under a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The workshop attended by Davis dealt with the direct impact of new archaeological discoveries upon the interpretation of scriptures.

Bill Barnes will complete ten years as minister of music at Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, on Aug. 15. He came to the church from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, Kermit D. McGregor, pastor, ordained Bryan T. Robbins, Jr. (Rob) on Sunday night, July 24. He has assumed the position as minister of music/pastor assistant at the Monticello Baptist Church.

Brian Horton, youth evangelist, may be reached by telephone at 455-2181 (and not 445-2181, as printed in last week's *Baptist Record*). He lives in Greenwood.

Grace Wigley
Olivia Gonzales
Mrs. C. E. Ray
Mrs. Pat Wilbanks
Rev. & Mrs. James H. Moore
Mrs. Peter Fairley Williams
Mrs. W. T. Townsend
Mrs. Robbie Casey Williams
Mrs. Wilbur Welch
Williams Wood
Vera Nurnery
Forest Earl Wyatt
Alice B. Myers
Mrs. Mildred Young
Ruth Sunday School, Marks
Herbert S. Zimmerman
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brown, Jr.
GIFTS OF HONOR
Mary Lou Magee
Bob & Sadie Crawford

1. That since the first group of children to actually enter Village care were admitted on May 12, 1897, we completed our 86th year of continuous and uninterrupted operation on May 12, 1983?

2. That The Village extended its custodial care and services to 530 boys and girls in our business year which ended on June 30, 1983?

3. That The Children's Village in all of its programs and operating procedures, meets spiritual, moral, and ethical standards equal to the highest observed in the nation, and we are the only child or family caring agency in the Deep South which is accredited by National Association of Homes for Children?

4. That again in 1983-84, 13 of our young people will pursue, with our support and assistance, higher education on the college level?

5. That The Village must pay 25¢ to redeem an envelope which does not bear a postage stamp from the post office including an envelope transmitting your Memorial or other gifts?

6. That The Village must expend more than \$350 per day every day for food, in addition to the food which we grow?

7. That ours is a purely voluntary non-profit ministry, neither seeking nor accepting funding from government at any level, and existing, as to both operating and capital needs, on the contributions of Mississippi Baptist churches and individual friends of children?

8. That The Baptist Children's Village is the official, and the only, child care agency of The Mississippi Baptist Convention?

9. That we now operate from five Mississippi locations, with a sixth to be added late in 1983?

10. That you may obtain additional information about The Village by writing to us at P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, Miss. 39213?

the experience to be valuable as a means of keeping youngsters in touch with the realities of private living in the public community.

For all of us, and especially for Mrs. Claire Nowlin, director of our Department of Social Service, and the staff member who does all of the work attendant upon this ambitious undertaking, we thank the nice people of Mississippi who have opened their homes as holiday hosts to Village children this July and August.

Again you have demonstrated your loyalty and support. The custom will be repeated at the Christmas season.

"Special Projects"

Volunteers from Baptist churches in the state, and from their auxiliaries continue to lend mighty assistance in our repair and rehabilitation needs, and we are grateful!

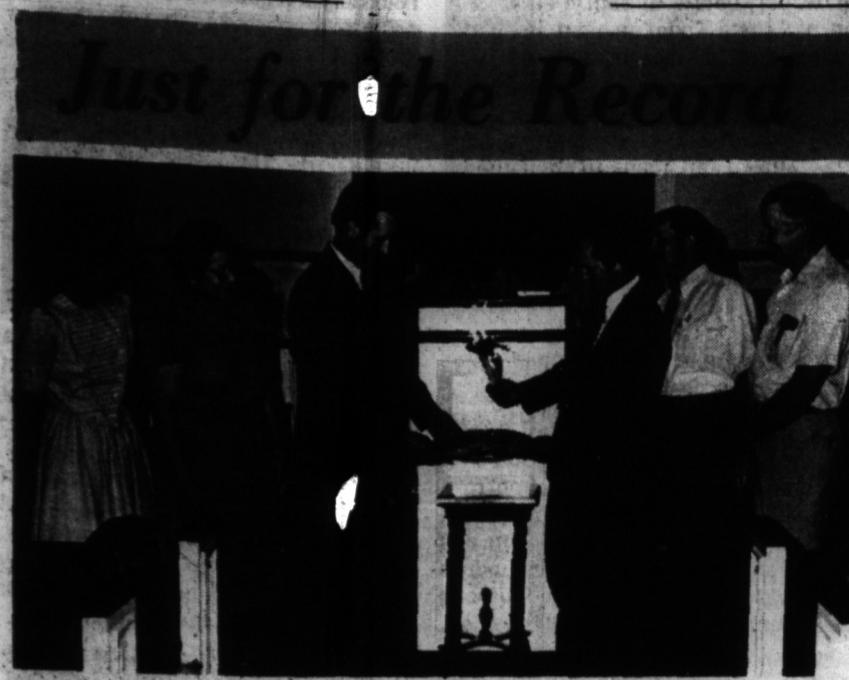
Recently, groups from Gulf Coast and Pearl River Associations have made Village "news" by affording us substantial help in completing work at Deanash, the newest Village Group Home, recently occupied at Bond, in Stone County. More than 400, primarily from Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, completely re-roofed the 10 original cottages on The India Nunnery Campus, IN ONE DAY—an almost super-human effort.

Also, dozens of men and women from Pearl River Baptist Association have visited for more than a week effecting needed repairs at several cottages and roofing repair at our administration building. How fortunate we are to be Baptist, and to have friends like these!

Corey honored

Baptist Children's Village board of trustees President Lyle V. Corey accepts a plaque from Paul Nurnery, Village executive director, in recognition of his service on the board as member and as its retiring president. The plaque, a gift from the children and staff, reads "... for selfless service to boys and girls as Trustee 36 years, President 1981-1983, and An Expansion Leader". Corey is an attorney in Meridian and is a deacon in Highland Church.





GASTON BAPTIST CHURCH conducted a noteburning service on July 17, after retiring the note on its Family Life Center. Pictured are Nellie Hatfield, Dot Garner (Building Committee members); Milton Koon, pastor; David Moore, Willie Hatfield, and Charles "Red" Garner (Building Committee members). Other members of the committee were James "Dick" Bullard and Eugene Gifford.

Construction of the building was begun in the fall of 1977. The church borrowed \$67,000, with the first payment to be made on Jan. 5, 1979, and the last payment was due on Jan. 5, 1988. However, the building was completely paid for on July 5, 1983, exactly 4½ years from the date of the first payment. The cost of the building and furnishings was \$109,000. The building contains educational space, a large, fully-equipped kitchen, and a gymnasium with a full-size basketball court.

A day-long session on providing solace for the dying and comfort for the bereaved, presented by Deanna Edwards, will be held Aug. 17 at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Nurses' Association's Oncology Nurses Special Interest Group, the program, "Music, Laughter and Tears," will demonstrate the role music can play in the celebration of life and help participants come to grips with individual feelings about loneliness, isolation, anxiety, pain, dependence, sickness, loss, and death. Deanna Edwards, a guest faculty member at Brigham Young University, presents workshops across the United States and Canada. Pre-registration fee will be \$10 and the on-site fee \$15. The Mississippi Nurses' Association, 135 Bounds Street, Jackson, MS, 39202; 982-9182 may be contacted for registration forms.

Nursery 1 (from birth to two years) at Cason Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Nettleton, broke an attendance record on a recent Sunday, with 16 present, including three sets of twins. The twins were Kirk and Kyle Mansell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mansell; Christy and Ginger Sherron, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sherron; and Justin and Jessica Wright, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wright. Nursery workers are Glenda Brown and Kenny Shelton. Wayne Vines is pastor.

Bible Book

Teachings in the home

By Harry L. Lucenay, pastor,
Temple, Hattiesburg

Proverbs 30:1-31:31

Little is known of Agur, Jakesh, and King Lemuel. However, these three sages unleash rich reservoirs of truth to men of all ages. The focal passages for study this week center on relationships within the home.

Children treat their parents with respect (30:11, 17). There is no place for the child who curses his parents. Children are to treat their parents with sincere respect, self-denying obedience, and kind attention (6:20-23). The Old Testament called for the death penalty when children cursed their parents (Exodus 21:17), but the degree to which this penalty was carried out is under some question.

The virtuous woman was treasured by her husband (31:10-12, 23, 28). She is a trustworthy individual (v. 11, 23). Because she was able to trust herself, she trusted her husband and created an environment of trust. She was tender (v. 12, 28). No doubt she was able to express her love, thoughtfulness, gentleness, and kindness. "I love you," "I need you," and "I am proud of you" were words she used to edify her husband.

The virtuous woman was talented in her home (31:13-19, 21, 22, 24-27). She was industrious. Unlike the widows of I Timothy 5:13-15, she was able to manage her household, invest money, handle property, and do business in the market. She was intelligent, using wisdom and acting with forethought.

The virtuous woman was a teacher to her children (13:15, 17, 21). She maintained a disciplined lifestyle, girding the flowing garments about her to leave her free for unhampered work. This discipline in work carried over into the relationship with her children. The rod and reproof were familiar elements of wisdom for her children (29:15). Yet this lady was diplomatic (31:26). By her consolation, she built an image within her children of what they wanted to become. She guarded her tongue with grace that evil would find no home in her mouth (Ephesians 4:29-32). Her depth is seen in the way she invested herself in her home.

The virtuous woman was thoughtful of her neighbors (31:20). Although she was efficient and concerned, she was not selfish. Charity flowed from her heart. Her caring manner searched out the needy of mind and matter and lifted them to the joy of self worth. Because she made them feel understood, she met more than the eye could see.

The virtuous woman was true to her lord (31:30). She loved the Lord. Godly fear is not a shrinking apprehension; it is love upon its knees. She could say with the psalmist, "I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications" (Psalm 116:1). She learned from the Lord how to avoid sin (Psalm 119:11). She matured and developed as she studied God's Word and applied that truth to daily life. Therefore, she learned to live for the Lord. The New Testament challenges all women (and men) to live for the Lord by resisting the mold of this world and allowing the will of God to renew their minds and correct their ways (Romans 12:1, 2).

Matthew Henry closes his commentary in this section of scripture with these striking words. "This is shut out (finished). This is a looking glass for ladies which they are desired to open and dress themselves by and if they do so, their adorning will be found to praise and honor the appearing of Jesus."

In Genesis, Rebekah lived a life characterized by deception. In Exodus, Jochebed lived a life characterized by resourcefulness. In Mark, Herodias lived a life characterized by manipulation. In Proverbs, there exists the writer whose wife was characterized by the virtues of godliness.

Once there were two young men jealous of an old man in a community who had developed quite a reputation for being wise. One day they devised a plot to try to humiliate the old man publicly. They took a tiny bird just after it had hatched and went to the old man. "We have a bird in our hands. Is it dead or alive?" they said. If the old man said it was dead, they could open their hands and show it was still alive. If he said it was alive, they could gently squeeze the bird and then show it was dead. Thus, either answer would be wrong. The question was confidently asked of the old man. After a long pause the old man said softly, "The answer, my son, is in your hands."

The quality of motherhood, fatherhood (Psalm 1) — ultimately is what one chooses to make it . . . but remember that choice is really made moment by moment, day by day, year by year (24:3-4).

If you hug to yourself any resentment against anybody else, you destroy the bridge by which God would come to you.—Peter Marshall



WANILLA BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR, "FISHERS OF MEN," traveled to Hinesville, Ga., recently to present the musical, "Make it Clear," at Gum Branch Baptist Church, Roger Wilkins, pastor. They spent the weekend in homes of church members. Before leaving, they performed in several churches of Lawrence and Lincoln counties in Mississippi. Left to right, front row: Sandy Morris, a ventriloquist, and her dummy, Simon, who introduced the group; Robert Russell, Shelley Smith, Denise Letchworth, Kristi Caves, Cindy Dawsey, Angela Hedgepeth, Polly Hall, Laura Boyte, Cheryl Jacobs. Back row: Gladys Tyrone, Mary Ann Tyrone, Glenn Tyrone, Elaine Letchworth, David Caves, Edward Rhinehart, choir director, Kenny Morris, Shelley Jean Boutwell, Billy Dawsey, Becky Dawsey, Linda Boyte, Gilbert Jacobs. Also with the group were Billy Joe Boutwell, sound; Sidney Hall, driver; Mrs. Margaret Lea; Mrs. Myrtis Tyrone; Amanda Boyte; DeShane Hall. Fred Morris is pastor at Wanilla.



"HIS WITNESSES," youth choir of Parkway Baptist Church, Natchez, presented the musical, "We Are The Reason," during a ten day tour in Florida: three days at Disneyworld/Epcot; presentation of the musical at First Baptist Church and Northside Baptist Church in Panama City; and a 4½ day beach retreat at "Periwinkle by the Sea," Panama City, with Steve Lanier from Jackson as guest speaker. The choir gave a concert at their home church July 31.



Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune, celebrated on July 12 its 50 years of service. In a homecoming service after dinner on the grounds, the three living charter members were given plaques. The pastor, Gene Smith, at right, read the church history. Tapes of greetings from former pastors were presented. Speakers included Greg Mitchell, mayor of Picayune; Dub Herring, member of the Long Range Planning Committee; and Marvin Lee, at left, Pearl River County director of missions. The last bond on the new education building was burned by Glen Rogers, chairman of deacons, and Buford Frierson, treasurer. The church is now debt free.

Uniform

Naomi and Ruth: shared loyalty

By Clarence H. Cutrell, Jackson
Ruth 1-4

Coming to the study of these two women brings us to some insight into the relationship which existed between them and makes their story a thing of beauty indeed. It is one of the numerous dual relations which are discussed in the word of God to which we will direct our study during the month of August. However, we are in danger of missing the beauty of this one if we allow our minds to become too embroiled with some of the strange customs of this era in Israel's history. Let us rather look for revelations of feminine courage, the kind of love and loyalty so needed in our homes today, deep religious faith, and commitment to idealistic truths. We will find these in three phases of this relationship.

1. Complete conversion (Ruth 1:16-20). In the preceding verses of this chapter we learn of the acts of God which had brought together these two women, one an Israelite and the other a Moabite, as mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. No two women could have come from more diverse backgrounds. Different in nationality, customs, morals and serving two entirely different systems of religion.

But the first two verses of our study indicate why they could now share a life of such common loyalty. Remember that there were two daughters-in-law; one decided to return to her mother's home, the other, Ruth, chose to go with Naomi. I mention this just to point out that there was a choice in the situation. Naomi had been quite candid in sharing with the two women the hardships which awaited them in Bethlehem—no opportunity to remarry, no relatives to look for support and the utter disdain of the women of Bethlehem which would greet a foreigner, especially from the hated Moabites.

So it appears most apparent to me from the facts of the situation, Ruth's entreaty, and Naomi's acceptance of her decision (vv. 18-20) that Ruth's conversion to the worship of Jehovah was indeed complete. Also it would appear quite certain that this is one of the most important facts which enabled Naomi and Ruth to face a life of hardships, uncertainties, and testings with unflagging faith in God, unquestionable and unquestioning dedication to daily tasks, and manifest love and loyalty toward each other.

2. Complete confidence (Ruth 3:1-5). No two persons can continue long in any kind of dual relationship without reaching its greatest fulfillment in the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

each other. In the first place, Naomi was fully confident that Ruth would follow the rather strange instructions which she gives her in this section of the book. They probably sounded just as difficult to understand for Ruth as they do to many people today. It seems that this custom lies so far back in antiquity that the true interpretation of it has been lost. But let it be pointed out that it appears that nothing but good came out of this action. Ruth found a "kinsman-redeemer"; Boaz found a young woman to be his wife, and Naomi at last received into her hungry arms a grandson. Surely with so much good emanating from the incident, one could say that there was any indecency here, certainly no immoral intent or act.

But for Ruth to do "all that her mother-in-law told her to do" required on the part of Ruth complete confidence in Naomi. And all of these wonderful and rewarding blessings seem to have flowed directly out of Naomi's confidence in God. It is also evident that the trust which Boaz placed in Ruth, a young woman of character and in Jehovah God who would enable them to solve all of the problems related to their eventual marriage, insured the answer to Naomi's prayers.

3. Complete contentment (Ruth 4:13-17). Although this story is fact, not fiction, these closing verses give us the perfect conclusion to a romantic novel. Every statement gives us a picture of complete contentment. At the beginning every human element only added more darkness to the picture of the future for Naomi and Ruth. But here we see Boaz rejoicing in the love of a young wife who, through the will and planning of God had found her husband and provider.

The marriage is consummated and a son is born. This son not only completes the family picture for Boaz and Ruth; he also makes Naomi a proud grandmother. And, perhaps, one of the biggest additions to the picture of contentment is the changed attitude of the women of the city. They now praise the Lord for all that has happened to Naomi. She returned from Moab an embittered woman with a foreigner for a daughter-in-law and few prospects for a happy future. But nothing is too hard for our God and now we see this beautiful situation, full of contentment on the part of all concerned. And best of all, God has produced the son, Obed, who constituted one more step in the long ancestral line which reached its greatest fulfillment in the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Life and Work

A fulfilling old age

By Larry W. Fields, pastor,
Harrisburg, Tupelo

Numbers 13:1-2a, 30; Joshua 14:7-13

Caleb is a good role model for all ages but especially for senior church members. Because of medical advancements, people are living longer today and as a result the number of senior citizens is increasing yearly. One person has described this as "the graying of America" as older people gain more political strength and influence.

Caleb exemplifies "resilience in the rocking chair" as his greatest work and witness came in his sunset years. One of the common barriers to happy and fulfilling senior years is an internal problem. People feel out of the mainstream of life and have the attitude that there is little left for them to do. Certainly, adjustments are necessary, but Caleb demonstrates that old age can be rewarding and productive.

I. Faith in the face of fear (Numbers 13:1-2a, 30)

The Israelites, under Moses, arrived at the border of the Promised Land at Kadesh-barnea eleven months after their release from Egypt. They had received the Mosaic law, accepted the covenant, established the tabernacle, and designated the tribe of Levi as the priestly tribe. Everything was ready for them to enter the land.

Moses sent out 12 spies, one representing each tribe, to report on productivity and military defenses. Caleb represented the tribe of Judah. After 40 days they returned and praised the fertility and desirability of the land. However, ten of the spies feared the great armies, strong men, and fortified cities they had observed. The people were fearful and desired to turn back.

Caleb, joined by Joshua, showed faith, vision and daring by challenging the people to take the risk with the assurance that God was with them. The people wanted it but they were not willing to pay the price to take the land because of their fear and lack of faith. The result was that this generation, save Caleb and Joshua, would never set foot in Canaan.

II. Wholly following the Lord (Joshua 14:7-8)

Years later the new generation of Israelites with their two godly veterans, had entered Canaan and were in the process of dividing the land after a series of military victories. Caleb, age 85, reminded Joshua, the new leader, of a promise made by Moses years before.

Recounting the incident at Kadesh-barnea, he recalled how fear took the

Devotional God, a revealer

By Maurice E. Flowers, Jr.

director of missions, Jones County, Laurel

It is significant indeed that God, who is all powerful, all knowing, and all sufficient, is a God who seeks enthusiastically to speak to man. God is revealed even in the creation story as one who communicates. He spoke the world into existence.

Hear the record in Genesis 1:3, "Let there be light" (v. 6); "let there be a firmament" (v. 9); "let the waters under the earth be gathered unto one place"; "let the dry land appear," etc. God communicates. But listen again! On the sixth day, God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." He made man with the capacity to communicate with God.

Since that day, God has been reaching out to man, seeking to communicate, seeking to reveal himself to man. He reached out to Adam and Eve, and they enjoyed those walks with God in the cool of the day. Yet they rejected him and were cut off. Flowers

God reached out to Cain and Abel, but Cain rejected him and killed Abel. God reached out to Noah, to Abraham, to Moses, and their descendants. But man has persistently rejected God's voice.

The author of Hebrews said, "In these last days (God) has spoken to us in his Son" (NAS). Paul said in II Cor. 5:19, "To wit that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself," and again in Romans 5:8, "God commanded his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Christ continues today to reach out to mankind. He stands at the crossroads of life, warning men of continuing rebellion against God. He speaks to men through his written word, through his faithful followers, through his still small voice in the inner man. He speaks through the circumstances of life.

Stop! Listen to his voice. Respond to his love and mercy today. Isaiah said, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."

Staff Change

Calvary Church, Starkville, Okfubeha Association, has called Bill Colum as minister of music and youth.

Partee Tutor has resigned the pastorate of Gershon Baptist Church, Pontotoc County, and states that he is available for any kind of church work where he is needed. His address is 300 Earl St., Pontotoc, Miss. 38863.

Billy Dowdy recently resigned the pastorate of New Hope Baptist Church, Franklin County, to enroll at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, Tenn. He and his family are living now at 4315 West Farona, Memphis, Tenn. 38116.

Paul Lloyd has accepted the call to be pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Clay Association. He will move from Memphis, where he is associate pastor of Belhaven Church.

Mrs. Bettie Maye is the new secretary to the activities director, Jan Cossett, at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton.

Tommy Tutor has accepted the pastorate of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale. He goes from First Baptist Church, Benton, Ark.

Tommy Mitchell has assumed the pastorate of Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Panola County. He moved from Ashland, where he was pastor of Pleasant Hill Church. Mitchell, native of Pontotoc County, is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. Liberty Hill Church welcomed him and his wife, Andrea, and two-month-old son, Drew, with a pounding on July 9 at their home.

Carl E. Hayes, former pastor of Wayside Church, Yalobusha County, has accepted a call to be pastor of Fairhaven Baptist Church, Olive Branch, Northwest Association. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and New Orleans Seminary.

Jimmy Harrington, Jr. has resigned the pastorate of Star Baptist Church, Rankin County, and has accepted the pastorate of Antioch Baptist Church, Columbus, Lowndes County.

William Martin of Vicksburg, a recent graduate of New Orleans Seminary, has accepted a pastorate in Silas, Ala.

fight out of the people and how they panicked and refused to invade. He and Joshua alone remained faithful. This incident was not reviewed for self-praise but thanksgiving that God had spared him. His loyalty and faith sustained him in that day, even when threatened by the majority (Numbers 14:10). He had stood true for God when the majority wanted to go in another direction. He wholly followed the Lord no matter what the cost. Herschel Hobbs calls Caleb a man of "grit, grace, and gumption." He was totally committed to God's will. George W. Truett was correct when he said, "The will of God is not always easy, but it is always right."

The incident at Kadesh-barnea reminds us that the majority at a church business meeting or at a denominational convention does not get an automatic stamp of approval as the will of God. Like Caleb we must seek to follow the Lord totally and completely.

III. Strength despite old age (Joshua 14:9-12)

Caleb wanted no part of retirement and the rocking chair. Despite his age he desired the difficult mountain, not